

## Munitions Constituents (MC) and the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

01: Introduction

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## Class Behavior

- Questions encouraged
- For extended discussions or project-specific needs, please go to instructors during break or after class
- Focus on completing the overall agenda
- We want all the students to have the benefit of the course – lots of material to cover!



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# Class Topics

- Introduction
- Conceptual Site Model Inputs: Range Types, Layouts, and Munitions
- Use of Geophysics and Other Remote Sensors to Guide MC Sampling
- Introduction to MC
- Primary and Secondary Explosives
- Propellants
- Metals
- Chemical Warfare Materiel
- MC Considerations Related to MEC Operations
- MIDAS Demo



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## Introductions

- Instructor Introductions

### Class Demographics

► Employers?

- DoD
- Prime Contractors
- Labs

► Professional Background?

- Chemists
- Other Scientists
- Engineers
- Other

► MMRP Experience?

- >5 years
- 1-5 years
- <1 year

► Why are you here?

- Work in the field
- Hope to do work
- Academic interest



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## Why MC?

- MMRP combines Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC, formerly known as Ordnance and Explosives, OE) and MC (formerly known as HTRW related to OE) into a single program element for funding/reporting
- From DOD Management Guidance for DERP, September 2001
  - The **Military Munitions Response program** category is defined as response actions (i.e., the identification, investigation, and removal actions, remedial actions, or a combination of removal and remedial actions) to address military munitions (i.e., UXO or WMM\*) or **the chemical residues of munitions**.

\* Terminology has since changed to DMM.


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## Why MC?

- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) FY 2002, directed DOD to:
  - Develop and maintain an inventory of all defense sites\* known or suspected to contain UXO, DMM, and MC
  - Develop a protocol to prioritize inventoried sites
  - Establish a new program element within the environmental restoration account to track remediation of UXO, DMM, and MC
- OSD direction and USACE ER 200-3-1 requirements to go to Remedial Process for MMRP (and to work IAW rather than consistent with CERCLA/NCP)
- Remedial Process rather than Removal Process focuses on the contamination rather than treating all contamination as an imminent hazard, so MC and MEC are addressed during the same action rather than consecutively



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## MMRP Terminology

- Munitions Constituents (MC)
- Military Munitions
- Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC)
- Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)
- Discarded Military Munitions (DMM)
- MC as Explosive Hazard
- Defense Site
- Munitions Response Area (MRA)
- Munitions Response Site (MRS)



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## MC Definition

"Any materials originating from unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, or other military munitions, including explosive and nonexplosive materials, and emission, degradation, or breakdown elements of such ordnance or munitions."



(10 U.S.C. 2710 (e) (3))<sup>\*</sup>  
(originally referenced as (4))



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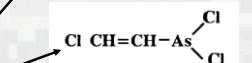
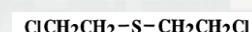
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## MC Examples

- Explosives and Breakdown Products
  - ▶ 2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (TNT)
  - ▶ Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine (RDX)
  - ▶ Cyclotetramethylenetrinitramine (HMX)
- Pyrotechnics/Propellants
  - ▶ Perchlorate
- Smokes
  - ▶ White Phosphorus (WP)
- Chemical Warfare Materiel, Industrial Chemicals, and Breakdown Products
- Metals



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# Military Munitions

- "All ammunition products and components produced or used by or for the U.S. DOD or the U.S. Armed Services for national defense and security, including military munitions under the control of the DOD, the US Coast Guard, the US DOE, and National Guard personnel. The term military munitions includes: confined gaseous, liquid, and solid propellants, explosives, pyrotechnics, chemical and riot control agents, smokes, and incendiaries used by DOD components, including bulk explosives and chemical warfare agents, chemical munitions, rockets, guided and ballistic missiles, bombs, warheads, mortar rounds, artillery ammunition, small arms ammunition, grenades, mines, torpedoes, depth charges, cluster munitions and dispensers, demolition charges, and devices and components thereof. Military munitions do not include wholly inert items, improvised explosive devices, and nuclear weapons, nuclear devices, and nuclear components there-of. However, the term does include non-nuclear components of nuclear devices, managed under DOE's nuclear weapons program after all required sanitization operations under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, have been completed.

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(40 CFR 260.10)

#### *Net ionic equations and molality*



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## Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) Definition

- This term, which distinguishes specific categories of military munitions that may pose unique explosives safety risks means:
  - ▶ Unexploded Ordnance (UXO),
  - ▶ Discarded Military Munitions, or
  - ▶ Munitions Constituents present in high enough concentrations to pose an explosive hazard

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## Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Definition

- Military munitions that have been:
  - ▶ Primed, fuzed, armed, or otherwise prepared for action, and have been
  - ▶ Fired, dropped, launched, projected or placed in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to operations, installation, personnel, or material and
  - ▶ Remain unexploded either by malfunction, design, or any other cause.

(40 CFR 266.201)

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## Discarded Military Munitions (DMM) Definition

- “Military munitions that have been abandoned without proper disposal or removed from storage in a military magazine or other storage area for the purpose of disposal. The term does not include unexploded ordnance, military munitions that are being held for future use or planned disposal, or military munitions that have been properly disposed of, consistent with applicable environmental laws and regulations.”

(10 U.S.C. 2710 (e) (3))



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## MC as Explosive Hazard ("Explosive Soil")

- The following are to be treated as explosive hazards (HD 1.1):
  - Primary (Initiating) Explosives – Soil containing >2% by weight of any primary explosive or mixture of primary explosives
  - Secondary explosives or propellants (Nitrocellulose, Nitroglycerine, Nitroguanadine) – Soil containing >10% by weight of either any of these or a mixture of them

DOD 6055.09-M, V7.E4.4.1



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## Defense Site Definition

- “... applies to locations that are or were owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed or used by the Department of Defense. The term does not include any operational range, operating storage or manufacturing facility, or facility that is used for or was permitted for the treatment or disposal of military munitions.”

*Ranges on Formerly Used Defense Sites are examples of Defense sites*

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## Munitions Response Area/Site (MRA/MRS)

$$MRA \text{ (acres)} = \sum (MRSa + MRSb + MRSc...) \text{ acres}$$

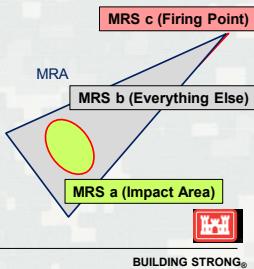
### MRA

- Any area on a defense site that is known or suspected to contain UXO, DMM, or MC (e.g., former ranges or munitions burial areas)
- Must be comprised of at least one MRS, but may contain multiple MRSs

### MRS

- Defined as "a discrete location within an MRA that is known to require a munitions response"

(32 CFR Part 179.3)

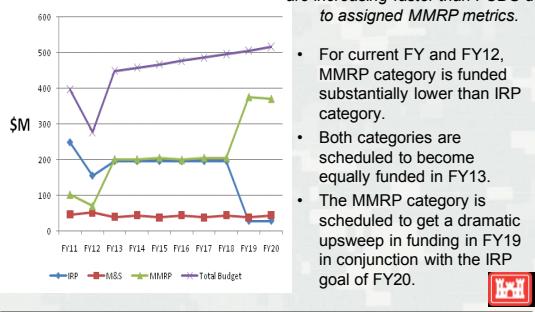


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## FUDS Funding Profile

All service profiles have points where the IRP and MMRP categories switch places in funding totals. Active installation MMRP funding profiles are increasing faster than FUDS due to assigned MMRP metrics.



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## Munitions Constituents (MC) and the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

### 10: MIDAS Demo

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## MIDAS

### Munition Items Disposition Action System

<https://midas.dac.army.mil>



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## MIDAS

- Need to register
- Need User Name and password
- Will be CAC enabled by the end of the year



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## Can Search by

- NSN (National Stock Number)
- DODIC (DoD Identification Code)
- Family
- Nomenclature
- Drawing Number



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## Munitions reports available

- Detail Report
- Less Bulk Report
- Less Compounds Report
- MCP (Munitions, Components, Parts) Report
- Primary Component Part Report
- TDP (Technical Data Package) Report
- TRI (Toxic Release Inventory) Report
- Summary of all Compounds Report
- Firing Point / Impact Point Report
- PEP Structure Report
- PEP Summary Report



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## Practice Searches

- Cartridge, Caliber .30, AP, M2
- Cartridge, Caliber .50, AP, M2
- Cartridge, 105-mm, HE, M1
- Projectile, 155-mm, HE, M102, MK I, MK IA1



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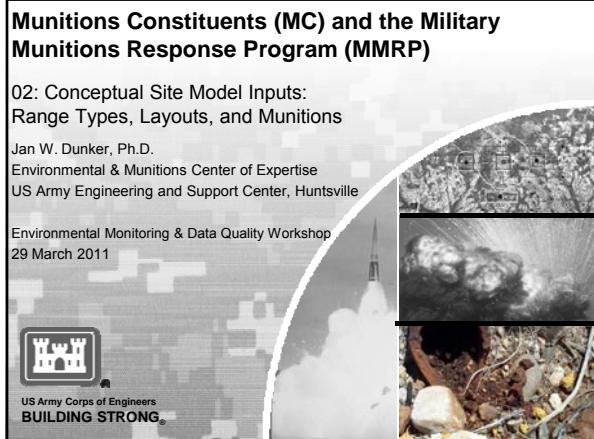
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## Range Types



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## FUDS Range Types

- Small Arms
- Multiple Weapons Type
- Field Artillery
- Mortar
- Shoulder-Launched Small Rocket
- Medium Caliber Rocket
- Heavy Rocket and Guided Missile
- Recoilless Rifle
- Davy Crockett
- Tank
- Anti-Tank Gun
- Antitank Guided Missile
- Anti-Aircraft Artillery
- Hand and Rifle Grenade
- 40mm Grenade Launcher
- Flame Thrower
- Mine, Boobytrap, and Demolition Area
- Chemical Warfare Training Area
- Helicopter Weapons
- Fixed Wing Air-to-Air Weapons
- Fixed Wing Air-to-Ground
- Maneuver
- Coast Artillery
- Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD)



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## Range Layouts

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### Small Arms

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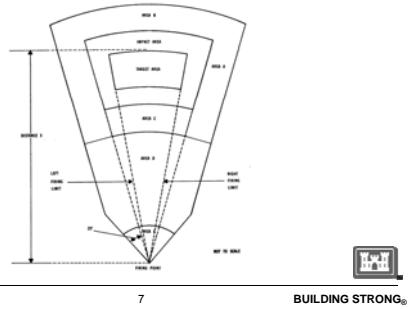
### Multiple Weapons Type

Typical Division Range Layout, Circa 1964

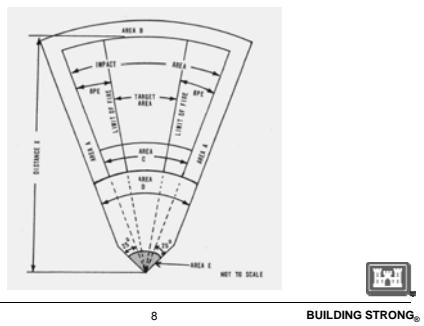
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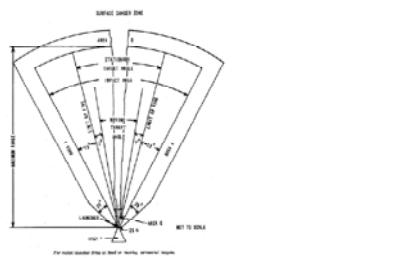
## Artillery



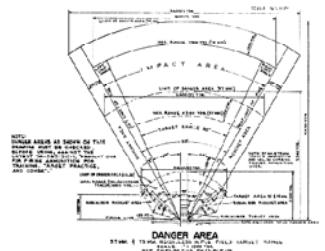
## Mortars



## Shoulder-Launched Small Rocket



## Recoilless Rifle

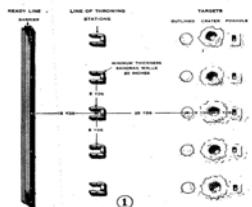


Recoilless Rifle Field Target Range, Circa 1951

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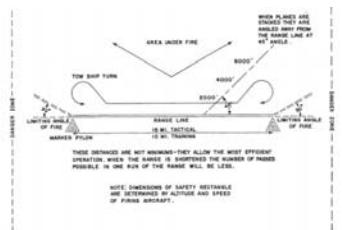
## Grenades



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## Fixed Wing Air-to-Air Weapons

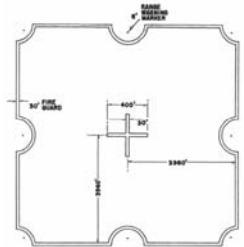


Fixed Aerial Gunnery Range, Circa 1945

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## Fixed Wing Air-to-Ground



Tactical Bombing Range, Circa 1945

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## Types of Munitions



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## Types of munitions

- Small Arms
- Mortars
- Medium Caliber Ammunition
- Artillery
- Rockets
- Grenades
- Mines
- Bombs
- Pyrotechnics



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## Small Arms

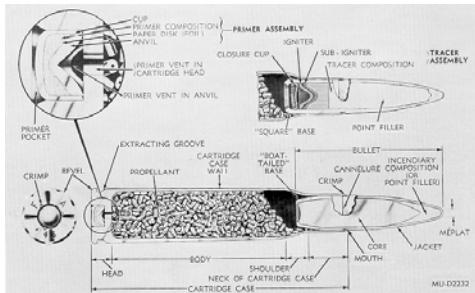
- .50 caliber or smaller and shotgun ammunition
- Weapons: Pistols, Rifles, Machine Guns, Shotguns
- Found on:
  - ▶ Small Arms Range
  - ▶ Multiple Weapons Type Range
  - ▶ Tank Range
  - ▶ Helicopter Weapons Range
  - ▶ Fixed Wing Air-to-Air Weapons Range
  - ▶ Fixed Wing Air-to-Ground Range
  - ▶ Maneuver Range

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## Small Arms Ammunition



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## Mortars

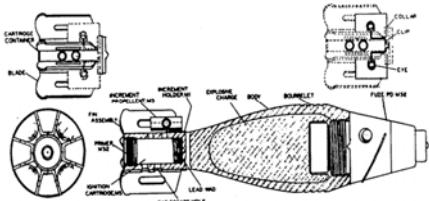
- Mortar Shells: 60-mm, 81-mm, 3-inch Trench, 4-inch, 4.2-inch, 6-inch Trench
- Found on: Mortar Ranges

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## Mortar Ammunition



60-mm HE Mortar Round, Circa 1960

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## Artillery (Large Caliber Ammunition)

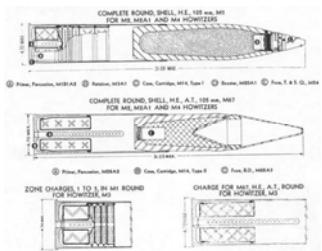
- 37-mm and larger shells
- Found on:
  - ▶ Field Artillery Range
  - ▶ Tank Range
  - ▶ Anti-Tank Gun
  - ▶ Coast Artillery Range



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## Artillery Ammunition

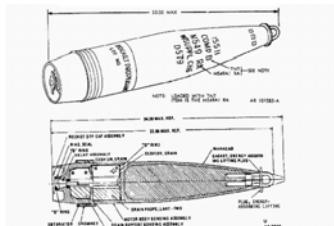


Shell, Semi-Fixed

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## Artillery Ammunition (2)



### Projectile, 155-mm, HERA, M549 and M549A1

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## Rockets

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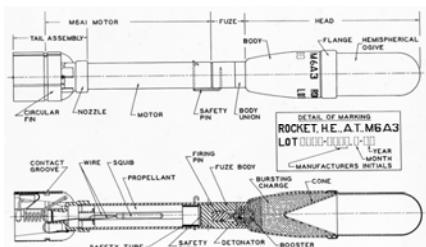
- ▶ Shoulder-Launched Small Rocket Ranges
- ▶ Medium Caliber Rocket Ranges
- ▶ Heavy Rocket and Guided Missile Ranges
- ▶ Recoilless Rifle Ranges
- ▶ Davy Crockett Common Range
- ▶ Antitank Guided Missile Ranges
- ▶ Helicopter Weapons Ranges
- ▶ Fixed Wing Air-to-Air Weapons Ranges
- ▶ Fixed Wing Air-to-Ground Ranges

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## Shoulder-Launched Small Rocket



Rocket 2 36-Inch Antitank M6A3

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## Grenades

- Found on:
  - ▶ Multiple Weapons Type Ranges
  - ▶ Hand and Rifle Grenade Range
  - ▶ 40mm Grenade Launcher Range



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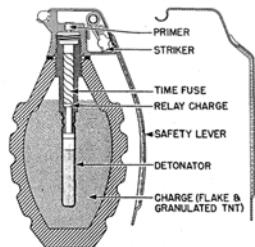
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## Hand Grenades



Grenade, Hand, Fragmentation, MK II, MK IIA1



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## Bombs

- Found on:
  - ▶ Fixed Wing Air-to-Ground Ranges



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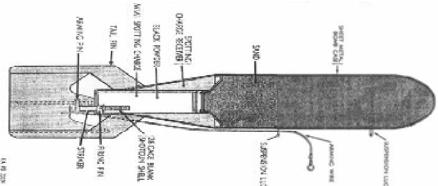
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## Practice Bomb

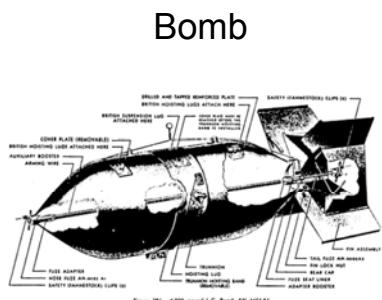


Bomb, Practice, 100 Pound, M38A2

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**Bomb, Light Case, 4,000 LB AN-M56 & AN-M56A1**

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# Pyrotechnics

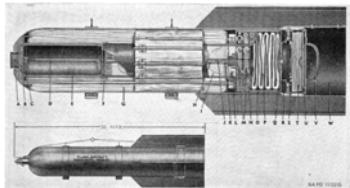
- Found on many range types

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## Flares



Flare, Aircraft, Parachute, M26 & AN-M26

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## Munitions Constituents (MC) and the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

04: Introduction to Types of MC

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## Topics

- Where in the Munitions does MC come from?
- What are the MC we'll talk about?
- What are Typical Methodologies for MC?
- Where can we find out what MC is in a particular munition?



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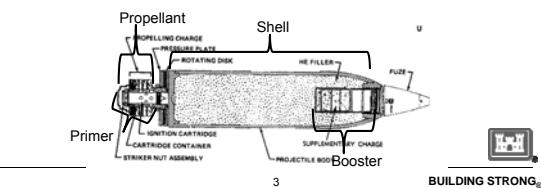
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## Sources of MC in Munitions

- Main Components
  - ▶ Shell
  - ▶ Filler
  - ▶ Case
  - ▶ Propellant
- Minor Components
  - ▶ Primer
  - ▶ Fuze
  - ▶ Booster



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## Examples of MC

- Filler
  - ▶ Secondary explosives (TNT, RDX) (also Booster)
  - ▶ Chemical agents (Mustard, Lewisite, Tabun, Soman, VX)
  - ▶ Riot control (Tear gas: CN, CS, Vomiting agents)
  - ▶ Pyrotechnics
    - Incendiaries (metals)
    - Tracers (perchlorate, metals)
    - Smokes and Obscurants (Hexachloroethane (HC), White Phosphorus (WP), metals)
  - ▶ Miscellaneous Other Fills (Incapacitating agents, Simulants)

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## Examples of MC (Cont'd)

- Armor Piercing/Penetrators
  - ▶ Tungsten
  - ▶ Depleted Uranium (DU)
- Propellants
  - ▶ Black powder
  - ▶ Nitrocellulose (NC), nitroglycerine (NG), and nitroguanidine (NQ)
  - ▶ Perchlorate

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## Examples of MC (Cont'd)

- Case
  - ▶ Metals
- Primers, Fuze
  - ▶ Primary Explosives

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Typical Methodology  
More Acronyms!

- High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC, also referred to as LC)
  - ▶ Coupled with Ultraviolet Spectrometry (UV) = LC/UV
  - ▶ Coupled with Mass Spectrometry (MS) = LC/MS
- Gas chromatography (GC)
  - ▶ Coupled with Mass Spectrometry (MS) = GC/MS
  - ▶ Coupled with Electron Capture Detector (ECD) = GC/ECD
  - ▶ Coupled with Nitrogen-Phosphorus Detector (NPD) = GC/NPD



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Typical Methodology  
More Acronyms! (Cont'd)

- Inductively-Coupled Plasma (ICP)
  - ▶ Coupled with Atomic Emission Spectrometry (referred to as ICP)
  - ▶ Coupled with Mass Spectrometry (MS) = ICP-MS
- X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry (XRF)
- Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry (GFAA)
- Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry (CVAA)



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Typical Methodology  
More Acronyms! (Cont'd)

- Ion Chromatography (IC)
  - ▶ Coupled with Mass Spectrometry (MS) = IC-MS
- Immunoassay
- Colorimetry (Visible Spectrophotometry)



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# Munitions Constituents (MC) and the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

## 05: Primary and Secondary Explosives

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# Primary Explosives

# What are Primary Explosives?

- Primary explosives are easily detonated by heat, spark, impact, or friction.
- Typically used in small quantities due to sensitivity



The diagram illustrates an explosive train. It begins with a large downward-pointing arrow labeled "IMPELUS". This arrow points to a small cylindrical capsule labeled "PRIMER". A second arrow points from the primer to a larger cylindrical capsule labeled "DETONATOR". From the detonator, a third arrow points to a series of three coiled spring-like shapes labeled "BOOSTER DETONATION WAVES". Finally, an arrow points from the booster waves to a long cylindrical capsule labeled "BURSTING CHARGE".

Figure 3.1. Explosive train.

Source: TM 9-1300-214 Military Explosives, Sep-1984

## Examples of Primary Explosives

Primary Explosive	Typical Use
Lead Azide*	Initiator for high explosives
Mercury Fulminate*	Initiator for high explosives
Diazodinitrophenol (DDNP)	Priming compositions, commercial blasting caps.
Lead Styphnate*	Priming compositions, ignition of lead azide
Tetracene	Priming compositions, boosters
Potassium Dinitrobenzofuroxane (KDNBF)	Priming compositions
Lead Mononitroresorcinate (LMNR)	Priming compositions, electric detonators

\* More common in FUDS-era munitions

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## Sampling Strategy

- For ranges, sampling and analysis based on release of primary explosives is not recommended
- Rationale:
  - ▶ Very small amount of primary explosive in any single munition
  - ▶ Sensitivity of primary explosives
  - ▶ Consumed if any part of the explosive train functions



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## Secondary Explosives



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## What are Secondary Explosives?

- Secondary explosives are relatively insensitive
- Used in booster and bursting charge (bulk of explosive charge)

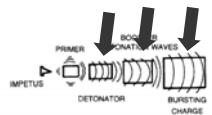


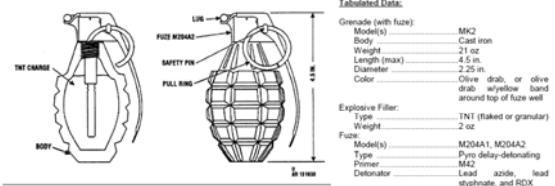
Figure 3.1. Explosive train.

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### Example: Secondary Explosives



## MK2 fragmentation hand grenade

Source: TM 43-0001-29 Army Ammunition Data Sheets For Grenades

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# MK2 Grenade PEP Report

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DAC - MIDAS PEP Structure in An Item									
Drawing #	Std./Alt.	Name/numbers (Material)	Type	Reported Weight		Var.	Loc.	Specification	TQCS
				Reported Weight	Reported Weight				
				Calculated Weight (Rgt.)	Calculated Weight (Rgt.)				
7-0-41B	STD	CRG	P	0.1200	LB	I	0.120000	MIL-T-248	
7-0-41B	STD	TNT	Mt					MIL-E-248	
7-0-41B	STD	CHG (118-67) (10%)	Cpld					MIL-E-248	
7-0-41B	STD	CHG PRIMER	P	0.4000	GR	I	0.000007		
7-0-41B	STD	FEDME/MEX/MC	Mt					44-2-27	
7-0-41B	STD	POTASSIUM CHLORATE	Cpld					50-11-11	
7-0-41B	STD	POTASSIUM CHLORATE (111-04-0) (37.0%)	Cpld					50-11-13	
7-0-41B	STD	GEND GLASS (31 47%)	Cpld					50-11-13	
7-0-41B	STD	BAREND MTRATE (2002-31-0) (54.0%)	Cpld					50-11-20	
7-0-41B	STD	BARREL (111-07-0) (6.0%)	Cpld					50-11-20	
7-0-41B	STD	DELAY COMP	P	20.0000	GR	I	0.002817	VENDOR ITEM	
7-0-41B	STD	DELAY COMP	Mt					VENDOR ITEM	
7-0-41B	STD	LEAD AZIDE (100%)	Cpld					PMS-200	
7-0-41B	STD	PETS	P	13.5000	GR	I	0.001929	PMS-200	
7-0-41B	STD	LEAD AZIDE CHG (SAD-AZIDE)	Mt					MIL-E-3015	
7-0-41B	STD	LEAD AZIDE	Mt	4.0000	GR	I	0.000077	MIL-E-3015	
7-0-41B	STD	LEAD AZIDE (1104-04-0) (10%)	Cpld					MIL-E-3015	

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## MK2 Grenade PEP Summary

DAC - MIDAS Summary of PEP Compounds in An Item					
			Reported Weight (lb)	1.400	Unit : LB
			Reported Weight (kg)	1.4000	
Name/Item#	GREEN HAND FRAG MRZ		Calculated Weight (kg)	1.3727	98.00 %
MSN	133000023162	DOC#:			
	OFFICIAL				
Name/Item# (Material)	CAL#	Weight (lb)	% of Calculated Weight		
BARENDUMATE	1002-31-8	0.000001	0.000004		
DELAY COMP		0.002817	2.008133		
GRIND GLASS		0.000006	0.000047		
LEAD		0.000001	0.000007		
LEAD SULFOPROPYLATE	1340-46-9	0.000022	0.001463		
POTASSIUM CHLORATE	763-87-0	0.000021	0.001150		
	3113-04-9	0.000021	0.001150		
	113-10-5	0.000003	0.000022		
UNKNOWN/PROPRIETARY	UNBK03	0.01929	0.013727	1.3727	

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## United States Booster and Secondary Explosives

Aliphatic Nitrate Esters	
2,4-Butanedinitrile	BTN
2-Diethylenglycol Dinitrate	DEGN
Nitrocellulose	NC
Nitroglycerin	NG
Nitroethane	NE
2-Nitropropano-1,1-dinitro-1,1,1-trifluoro Tetranitrate	PNTN
Triethylene Glycoldinitrate	TEGN
1,1,1-Trimethylolethane Trinitrate	TMETN
<b>Nitramines</b>	
Octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetrahydro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine	HMX
Octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetrahydro-1,3,5 triazine	FOX-7
Ethylenediamine Dinitro	EDDN
Nitrohexanitramine	Haletite
Nitroguanidine	NQ
2,4,6-Trinitrophenylmethylnitramine	Tetryl
<b>Nitroaromatics</b>	
2,4,6-Trinitrophenate	AP
1,3-Diamino-2,4,6-Trinitrobenzene	DATB
2,2,4,4,6,6-Hexanitrobenzene	HNAB
1,3-Triamino-2,4,6-Trinitrobenzene	TATB
2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene	TNT
<b>Other</b>	
Argonimine Nitrate	

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Source: TM 9-1300-214 Military Explosives Sep-1984

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# Explosive Compositions

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## Binary Mixtures

Amatols	ammonium nitrate and TNT
Composition A	RDX and a desensitizer
Composition B	RDX and TNT
Composition C	RDX and plasticizer
Composition CH6	RDX, calcium stearate, graphite, polyisobutylene
Ednatols	halite (ethylene dinitramine) and TNT
Octols	HMX and TNT
Pentolite	PETN and TNT
Picratol	ammonium picrate and TNT
Tetrytols	TNT and Tetryl
Tritonal	TNT and flaked Al

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# Ternary Mixtures

Amatex 20	RDX, TNT, ammonium nitrate
Ammonal	ammonium nitrate, powdered Al, TNT, DNT, or RDX
High Blast Explosives	RDX, TNT, Al
HTA-3	HMX, TNT, and aluminum mixture 3
Mimol-2	TNT, ammonium nitrate, Al
Torpex	RDX, TNT, Al

Source: TM 9-1300-214 Military Explosives, Sep-1984



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## Quaternary Mixtures

Depth bomb explosive (DBX) TNT, RDX, ammonium nitrate, Al

Source: TM 9-1300-214 Military Explosives, Sep-1984



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## Explosives are found in what part of the munition?

- Projectile (i.e. mortars, artillery)
- Warhead (rocket)
- Bomb
- Mine



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## Degradation Products



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## Degradation Products

- Organic compounds can be transformed (degraded) in the environment
- Abiotic transformation
  - ▶ Photolysis
- Biotic transformation
  - ▶ Aerobic
  - ▶ Anaerobic



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## Analytical Methods

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## Field Analytical Methods

- Expray - Plexus Scientific
- Explosives Detection Field Test Kit - DropEx Plus
- EPA 8510 - Colorimetric Screening Procedure for RDX and HMX in Soil
- EPA 8515 - Colorimetric Screening Method for Trinitrotoluene (TNT) in Soil
- EPA 4050 - TNT Explosives in Soil by Immunoassay
- EPA 4051 - Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) in Soil by Immunoassay

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## Laboratory Analytical Methods

- EPA 8095 Explosives by Gas Chromatography
- EPA 8330 Nitroaromatics and Nitramines by High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
- EPA 8332 Nitroglycerine by High Performance Liquid Chromatography
- CHPPM Method GC; isoamyl acetate extraction
- LC/MS
  - ▶ Modified EPA 8321A Solvent-Extractable Nonvolatile Compounds by High-Performance Liquid Chromatography/THERMOSPRAY/Mass Spectrometry (HPLC/TS/MS) or Ultraviolet (UV) Detection
- PETN modified EPA 8330
- NG modified EPA 8330

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## Physical Properties

Analyte	Molecular Weight	Melting Pt. (°C)	Boiling Pt. (°C)	Water Solubility (mg/L)	Log K <sub>w</sub>
TNT	227.13	80.1-81.6	240 (explodes)	130 @ 20°C	1.86
RDX	222.26	204.1	(decomposes)	42 @ 20°C	0.86
HMX	296.16	276-280	(decomposes)	5.0 @ 25°C	0.061
TNB	213.11	122.5	315	34 @ 20°C	1.18
DNB	168.11	89.6	300-303	460 @ 15°C	1.49
Tetryl	287.14	129.5	(decomposes)	80	1.65
2,4-DNT	182.15	70	300 (decomposes)	270 @ 22°C	1.98
2,6-DNT	182.15	64-66		206 @ 25°C	2.02
2-Am-4,6-DNT	197.17	176		2800	1.94
4-Am-2,6-DNT	197.17	171		2800	1.91
NG	227	13.2		1500 @ 20°C	2.0
AP	246	123		10,000	0.02
PETN	316	141.3		0.99	

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### 06: Propellants

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## Propellants

- Single-base
- Double-base
- Triple-base
- Composite
- Black Powder

Source: TM 9-1300-214 Military Explosives, Sep-1984



## Single-base Propellants

- Primarily nitrocellulose (NC)
- Stabilizer
- may contain inorganic nitrates, nitrocompounds, and nonexplosive materials



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### Compositions of Single-Base Powders for Small Arms USACE Common Operations Reports, PEP Table 9

	IMR	I	II	III	IV
Nitrocellulose	97.4%	99.3%	98.3%	99.0%	98.95%
Tin	2.0	--	--	--	--
Potassium Sulfate	--	--	1	--	--
Diphenylamine	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.05
Graphite	Glaze	Glaze	Glaze	Glaze	Glaze
Dinitrotoluene	Coat	Coat	Coat	Coat	Coat



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## Double-base Propellants

- Nitrocellulose (NC) and nitroglycerin (NG)
- Stabilizer
- Other additives



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## Double-Base Cannon Propellants

USACE Common Operations Reports, PEP Table 10

	M2	M5	M26A1
Nitrocellulose	77.45%	81.95%	68.7%
Nitroglycerin	19.50	15.00	25
Barium Nitrate	1.40	1.40	
Potassium Nitrate	0.75	0.75	
Ethyl Centralite	0.60	0.60	6
Graphite	0.30	0.30	0.3



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## Triple-base Propellants

- Nitrocellulose (NC), nitroglycerin (NG), and nitroguanidine (NQ)
- Stabilizer
- Other additives



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## Standard Artillery Propellant Compositions USACE Common Operations Reports, PEP Table 8

	M15	M30	M31
Nitrocellulose (12.6% Nitrogen)	--	28%	20%
Nitrocellulose (13.15% Nitrogen)	20.0%		
Nitrocellulose (13.25% Nitrogen)	--		
Nitroglycerin	19.0	22.5	19
Nitroguanidine	54.7	47.7	54.7
Cryolite	0.3	0.3	0.3
Diphenylamine	--		1.5
Ethyl Centralite	6.0	1.5	
Diethylphthalate			4.5



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## Composite Propellants

- Fuel (e.g. metallic aluminum)
- Binder (normally organic polymer, e.g. synthetic rubber)(also a fuel)
- Inorganic oxidizing agent (e.g. ammonium perchlorate)



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## Pershing Missile motor propellant

68%	Ammonium perchlorate
13.2%	Polybutadiene acrylic acid
16%	Aluminum
2.8%	ERL-2795 (a curing agent)



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# Black Powder

Black Powders Used in Pyrotechnics

Components (%)	146	147	148
Potassium nitrate	74.0	70	-
Sodium nitrate	-	-	72
Charcoal	15.6	-	16
Coal (semibituminous)	-	14	-
Sulfur	10.4	16	12



## Propellants are found in what part of the munition?

- Cartridge case (small arms, medium caliber munitions, some artillery)
- External to the projectile (mortars, some artillery)
- Rocket motor
- Explosive charge in some munitions



# Analytical Methods



## Laboratory Analytical Methods

- Nitrocellulose (NC)
  - ▶ No good analytical method
  - ▶ Relatively non-toxic
- Nitroglycerin (NG)
  - ▶ EPA 8332 Nitroglycerine by High Performance Liquid Chromatography
  - ▶ LC/MS
    - Modified EPA 8321A Solvent-Extractable Nonvolatile Compounds by High-Performance Liquid Chromatography/THERMOSPRAY/Mass Spectrometry (HPLC/TS/MS) or Ultraviolet (UV) Detection
  - ▶ modified EPA 8330
- Nitroguanidine (NQ)
  - ▶ No published analytical method



## Laboratory Analytical Methods (2)

- Perchlorate

- ▶ EPA 6850 Perchlorate in Water, Soils and Solid Wastes Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Electrospray Ionization/Mass Spectrometry (HPLC/ESI/MS/MS)
- ▶ EPA 6860 Perchlorate in Water, Soils and Solid Wastes Using Ion Chromatography/Electrospray Ionization/Mass Spectrometry (IC/ESI/MS or IC/ESI/MS/MS)
- ▶ EPA 331.0 Determination of Perchlorate in Drinking Water by Liquid Chromatography Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry
- ▶ EPA 332.0 Determination of Perchlorate in Drinking Water by Ion Chromatography With Suppressed Conductivity And Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry
- ▶ EPA 314.0 Determination of Perchlorate in Drinking Water Using Ion Chromatography
- ▶ EPA 314.1 Determination of Perchlorate in Drinking Water Using Inline Column Concentration/Matrix Elimination Ion Chromatography with Suppressed Conductivity Detection
- ▶ EPA 9058 Determination of Perchlorate Using Ion Chromatography with Chemical Suppression Conductivity Detection

- Black Powder

- ▶ No need for analysis

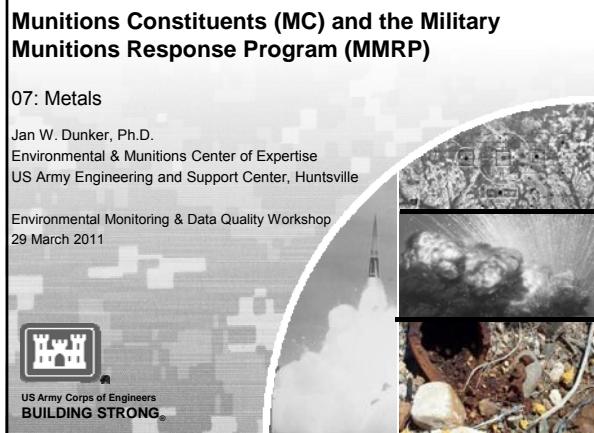


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## Source of Metals from Munitions

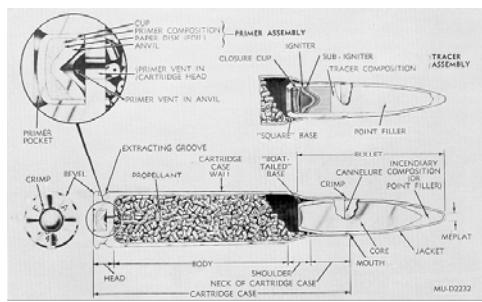
- Cartridge Case
- Projectile Case
- Bomb Case
- Filler (bursting charge, active component)

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## Small Arms Ammunition



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## Metals in Small Arms Ammunition

- Cartridge Case
  - ▶ Brass – copper (70%) and zinc (30%)
- Bullet (projectile)
  - ▶ All military bullets are jacketed (clad) – FMJ (Full Metal Jacket)
    - Bullet jackets are typically gilding metal - copper (95%) and zinc (5%)
  - ▶ Bullet core composition depends upon caliber and type of ammunition

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## Bullet Cores

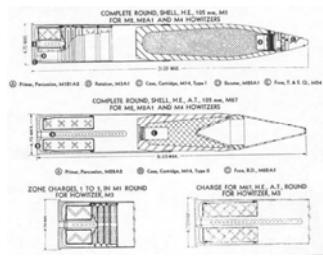
- .30 caliber
  - ▶ M2, Ball – lead (99%) and antimony (1%)
  - ▶ M2, AP – steel [iron (98%) and manganese (0.75%)]
- .50 caliber
  - ▶ M2, Ball – steel [iron (99%) and manganese (0.45%)]
  - ▶ M2, AP – steel [iron (98%) and manganese (0.75%)]

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## Artillery Ammunition



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## Metals in Shell, Semi-Fixed, 105-mm, HEAT, M67

- Cartridge Case
  - ▶ Brass – copper (70%) and zinc (30%)
- Projectile
  - ▶ Case – steel [iron (98%) and manganese (1.5%)]
  - ▶ Rotating band – copper (90%) and zinc (9.9%)
  - ▶ Cone – copper (99%)
  - ▶ Ogive – steel [iron (99%) and manganese (0.45%)]



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## Corrosion Products



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## Corrosion Products

- Metals corrode in the environment
- Generally form oxidized species
  - ▶ Thermodynamics
  - ▶ Kinetics



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## Analytical Methods



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## Field Analytical Methods

- EPA 6200 Field Portable X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry for the Determination of Elemental Concentrations in Soil and Sediment
  - ▶ XRF



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## Laboratory Analytical Methods

- EPA 6010 Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry
- EPA 6020 Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry
- EPA 7010 Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry
- EPA 7470A Mercury in Liquid Waste (Manual Cold-Vapor Technique)
- EPA 7471B Mercury in Solid or Semisolid Waste (Manual Cold-Vapor Technique)



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## Fate & Transport

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## Iron (Fe)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present as steel in cases and projectiles
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Not a hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Fe(0); Fe(II); Fe(III)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 6.3e+04 ppm (6.3%)
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 5.5e+04 ppm

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## Lead (Pb)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in small arms bullets and one practice bomb
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Pb(0), Pb(II)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 14 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶  $4e+02$  ppm



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Copper (Cu)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in cartridge cases (brass) and bullet jackets (e.g. gilding metal)
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Cu(0), Cu(II)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 50 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶  $3.1 \times 10^3$  ppm



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## Zinc (Zn)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in cartridge cases (brass), bullet jackets (e.g. gilding metal), and one practice bomb
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Zn(0), Zn(II)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 75 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 2.3e+04 ppm



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## Aluminum (Al)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in rocket cases, some propellants (powdered Al), and pyrotechnics (powdered Al)
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Not a hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Al(0), Al(III)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶  $8.2e+04$  ppm (8.2%)
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶  $7.7e+04$  ppm



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## Manganese (Mn)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in some steel alloys
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Mn(0), Mn(II), Mn(III)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 950 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶  $1.8E+03$  ppm



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## Chromium

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in some steel alloys
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Cr(0), Cr(III), Cr(VI)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 100 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ NA



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## Antimony (Sb)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in alloys with lead in small arms bullets (99% Pb, 1% Sb)
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Sb(0), Sb(III), Sb(V)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 0.2 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶  $3.1e+01$  ppm



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## Arsenic (As)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in alloys with lead in shotgun pellets (96.4% Pb; 3% Sb; 0.6% As)
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ As(0), As(III); As(V)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 1.5 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 3.9e-01



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## Mercury (Hg)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in some primer mixtures (mercury fulminate; used prior to WWII)
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Hg(0); Hg(II)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 0.05 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 2.3e+01



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## Barium

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present as barium nitrate in some pyrotechnics
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Not a hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Ba(II)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 500 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 1.5e+04



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## Strontium

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in some pyrotechnics (e.g. tracer compositions)
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Not a hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ Sr(II)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 370 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 4.7E+04



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## Tungsten (W)

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Present in some armor penetrator rounds and some small arms bullets ("green bullets")
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Not a hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ W(0), W(VI)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 160 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ NA



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## Uranium

- Occurrence in munitions
  - ▶ Some armor penetrators contain Depleted Uranium
- Regulatory status
  - ▶ Hazardous substance
- Common oxidation states
  - ▶ U(0), U(IV), U(VI)
- Crustal abundance
  - ▶ 1.8 ppm
- RSLs (residential soil)
  - ▶ 2.3e+02

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## Munitions Constituents (MC) and the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

09: MC Considerations Related to MEC Operations

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## Topics

- Consider the impact on MC sampling representativeness, spatial data, and overall waste disposal requirements based on choice of:
  - MEC Removal Technology
    - ▶ Engineering Controls for Unintentional Detonations
  - MEC Disposal Technology Options
    - ▶ Engineering Controls for Intentional Detonations

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## MEC Removal Technology Options

- Hand excavation
- Mechanically-Assisted Removal Using Excavating Equipment
- Remotely-Operated Equipment
- Armored Excavation and Transportation
- Mechanized Soil Processing (Screens/Conveyors/Magnets)

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## Excavation

- Hand excavation
  - ▶ Industry standard, best access to soil for sampling and for visibility of potential MC sources
- Mechanically-Assisted Removal Using Excavating Equipment
  - ▶ Used in conjunction with hand excavation; no additional advantages



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Remote Operations and Armor

- Remotely-Operated Equipment
  - ▶ Limited to R&D at this time
- selection of specific sample location/depth would be more difficult.
- Armored Excavation and Transportation
  - ▶ Focuses on mass excavation; potential MC sources lose spatial identity; selection of specific sample location/depth would be more difficult.



Armored Excavator

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## Mechanized Soil Processing (Screens/ Conveyors/Magnets)



- Separates ordnance (or bullets being recovered for lead recycling) from soil
- Soil processed no longer has spatial identity – post processing sampling would be located based on piles generated during processing
- Soil is also somewhat mixed by process

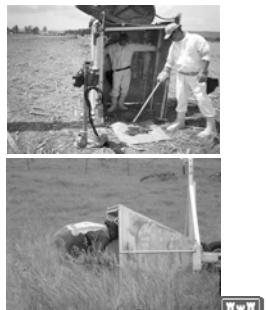
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## Engineering Controls – Unintentional Detonations

- Intrusive efforts frequently require engineering controls, which must be considered in sampling strategies
- Barricades limit access to soil that might be available to sample, but their use is required to protect nearby activities from unintentional detonations
- Spatial limitations may provide less bias than restricting samples to areas outside the exclusion zone (limiting samples to strictly those taken with anomaly avoidance)



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## MEC Disposal Technology Options

- Blow-in-Place
- Consolidated Shot
- Laser Initiation
- Contained Detonation Chamber
- Render Safe Procedures



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## Blow-in-Place

- Intact rounds that are detonated by blow-in-place typically leave less contamination than rounds that go low order, but greater contamination than if the round had functioned as designed (high order)
- Sampling related to BIPs may be impacted by engineering controls (see following slide)



Explosive Residues from Blow-in-Place Detonations of Artillery Munitions, Pennington, et al., Soil and Sediment Contamination: An International Journal, 17:2, 163 -180

ERDC/CRREL TR-06-13, Comparison of Explosives Residues from the Blow-in-Place Detonation of 155-mm High-Explosive Projectiles

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## Engineering Controls – Intentional Detonations

- Sand bags are common means of controlling intentional detonations (BIPs)
- If sand bags are required, consider the impacts on post detonation sampling – where is media representative of the site?



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## BIP + Low Order?



More on Low Order MC Sources:  
Explosive Residues from Low-Order Detonations of Heavy Artillery and Mortar Rounds, Pennington, et al  
Soil and Sediment Contamination: An International Journal 17:5 533 - 546

- Likely MC source
- Low Orders documented MC source; BIP data from low orders can be particularly high
- Sample:
  - ▶ 5" Armor Piercing HE Low Order BIP
  - ▶ TNT – 1400 mg/kg
    - 19 mg/kg (res)
    - 79 mg/kg (ind)

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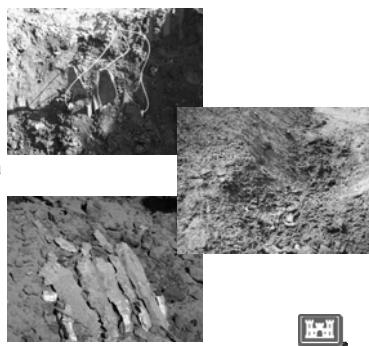
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## Consolidated Shots

- Multiple rounds are detonated together; must be “acceptable to move”
- MC results more analogous to OD area
- Sample result:
  - ▶ TNT – 43–53 mg/kg
    - 19 mg/kg (res)
    - 79 mg/kg (ind)



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## Laser Initiation

- HNC conducted study during development of release of MC to soil and air
- Study showed that release was higher from initiation by laser than by C4 donor charge for low orders and for many high orders.
- Laser systems do not require donor charges; this is their primary advantage.
- Secondary waste stream issues and sampling needs are similar to BIPs





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## Contained Detonation Chambers

- CDCs are used to destroy MEC, while containing both the blast effects and the secondary waste stream within the closed system.
- Air handling and filtration may be required depending on the munitions being detonated.

Secondary waste streams must be characterized and disposed of properly. They typically include:

- ▶ Pea gravel
- ▶ Torit filter dust
- ▶ Decontamination water

- Use is limited to items that are within the net explosive weight (NEW) the system is approved to destroy and contain the unit is approved to destroy:
  - ▶ Conventional munitions, such as
    - Energetics
    - White phosphorus
    - Riot agent
    - Propellants
    - Smoke,
  - ▶ Approval does not include plasticized white phosphorus
  - ▶ Single site approval has been granted for chemical munitions



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## Contained Detonation Chambers (cont'd)

- Plan for cost and schedule impacts of manifesting and disposal
- Example Waste Profile Results:
  - ▶ Pea Gravel
    - D008 (Pb)
    - D006 (Cd)
    - D003 (Reactive) – WP munitions
  - ▶ Filters
    - D002 (Corrosive) – FS munitions
  - ▶ Decon water
    - Nonhazardous
    - Hazardous (lead)



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## Render Safe Procedures



- Military personnel only, high hazard to personnel performing procedure
- If circumstances were such that it were approved, sampling would only be permitted after munition was removed
- No MC release unless casing was compromised due to corrosion or previous sympathetic detonation.

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